

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented): A digital camera comprising:

an image capture section which captures a subject and generates a captured image;

a display section which displays the captured image;

an instruction section including an instruction switch, which issues an image capture instruction to the image capture section when the instruction switch is in an ON state;

an input section which administers instructions relating to image display; and

a control section which controls preview image display, and which, if the ON state of the instruction section is continually detected after the image capture instruction, controls such that the captured image is displayed at the display section during the ON state and which, if an instruction is issued by the input section during this ON state, controls a change of size of a display object region of the captured image that is to be displayed at the display section;

wherein the ON state is activated only when the instruction switch is fully pressed.

2. (original) The digital camera of claim 1, wherein the control section comprises:

a display control section which controls such that the captured image is displayed at the display section during the ON state; and

a region control section which, when the instruction is issued by the input section during the ON state of the instruction section, controls the change of the size of the display object region of the captured image that is to be displayed at the display section.

3. (original) The digital camera of claim 2, wherein the region control section comprises a position control section which changes position of the display object region in accordance with the instruction from the input section.

4. (original) The digital camera of claim 1, wherein the control section comprises a detection section which detects the duration of the ON state.

5. (original) The digital camera of claim 3, wherein the control section comprises a detection section which detects the duration of the ON state.

6. (original) The digital camera of claim 1, wherein the instruction section comprises a release switch.

7. (previously presented): An image capture device comprising:
an image capture section which captures a subject and generates a captured image when an instruction for image capture is received;
a display section which displays the captured image generated by the image capture section;

an image display instruction section which issues an instruction for display of the captured image at the display section;

a region change instruction section which issues an instruction for change of a display object region of the captured image at the display section; and

a control section which controls preview image display, and which, if the instruction for display of the captured image from the image display instruction section is detected subsequent to the instruction for image capture to the image capture section, controls such that the captured image is displayed at the display section for as long as the instruction for display is detected and which, if the instruction for change of the display object region from the region change instruction section is issued while the instruction for display is detected, controls so as to change the display object region of the captured image that is to be displayed at the display section in accordance with the instruction from the region change instruction section;

wherein the image display instruction section comprises an image capture button which issues the instruction for image capture to the image capture section in an ON state only when the instruction switch is fully pressed and the image display section issues the instruction for display of the captured image when the ON state of the image capture button is maintained after the instruction for image capture is issued.

8. (original) The image capture device of claim 7, further comprising a detection section which detects whether or not the image display instruction section is issuing the instruction for display of the captured image.

9. (original) The image capture device of claim 8, wherein the image display instruction section comprises an image capture button which issues the instruction for image capture by the image capture section and which, after the instruction for image capture, issues the instruction for display of the captured image for as long as a state of the image capture button at the time of the instruction for image capture is maintained.

10. (original) The image capture device of claim 7, wherein the control section controls so as to change at least one of size of the display object region of the captured image and position of the display object region in accordance with the instruction from the region change instruction section.

11. (original) The image capture device of claim 7, wherein the region change instruction section issues an instruction for change of the display object region of the captured image by selecting one or more from a plurality of pre-specified regions of the captured image.

12. (previously presented): A captured image display control method for an image capture device which captures a subject, generates a captured image and displays the captured image at a display section, the method comprising:

instructing an image capture section to capture an image by pressing an instruction switch to be in an ON state;

instructing the display section to display the captured image;

instructing changing of a display object region of the captured image at the display section;

if the instruction of preview image display, which is to display the captured image is detected after image capture, controlling such that the captured image is displayed at the display section for as long as the instruction to display the captured image is detected; and

if changing of the display object region is instructed while the instruction to display the captured image is being detected, controlling so as to change the display object region of the captured image that is to be displayed at the display section in accordance with the instruction for changing of the display object region;

wherein the instruction to display the captured image is issued while the ON state that only occurs when the instruction switch is fully pressed after the instruction for image capture is issued.

13. (original) The captured image display control method of claim 12, further comprising the step of detecting the instruction to display the captured image.

14. (original) The captured image display control method of claim 12, wherein the step of controlling so as to change the display object region comprises controlling so as to change at least one of size of the display object region of the captured image and position of the display object region in accordance with the instruction for changing of the display object region.

15. (previously presented): The digital camera of claim 1, wherein the control section controls the change of size of a display object region when the ON state is continuously detected.

16. (previously presented): The image capture device of claim 7, wherein the control section controls the change of the display object region if an instruction from the region change instruction section is issued while the instruction for display is detected.

17. (previously presented): The digital camera of claim 1, wherein the image capture instruction relates to a condition of shutter release.

18. (previously presented): The digital camera of claim 1, wherein the display section displays a through image when the image capture instruction is not issued.

19. (previously presented): The digital camera of claim 1, wherein the captured image displayed at the display section comprises a preview image of the captured image.

20. (currently amended): The digital camera of claim 19, wherein a zoom operation of the preview image is available when the ON state is continuously detected during an image capturing mode of the camera.

21. (new): The digital camera of claim 19, wherein the preview image comprises the captured image prior to recording the captured image.

22. (new): The digital camera of claim 1, wherein the captured image is displayed at the display section while the ON state of the instruction section is continuingly detected, and which, if an instruction is issued by the input section while this ON state of the instruction

section is continually detected, controls a change of size of a display object region of the captured image that is to be displayed at the display section”.

23. (new): The digital camera of claim 1, wherein the image capture section obtains and outputs a through image data of a subject, and captures a still image of the subject when the image capture instruction is issued, and the control section displays the through image at the display section if the ON state of the instruction section is not detected, and displays the captured still image at the displayed section if the ON state of the instruction section is continually detected after the image capture instruction.